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Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter is to be entered in the public input phase of the settlement in *U.S. v. Microsoft*. I support the settlement for the following reasons:

- The settlement answers the issues which were found to be valid at the end of this 4-year-old case.
- The settlement will conclude a case which has used sufficient time, personnel and money to seek out every possible issue and fully explore each one.
- At no time during the past four years has it been established that consumers have been wronged by Microsoft's actions.
- A significant benefit from this case to school districts which hold a disproportionate share of economically stressed children is the dedication of hardware, software and tech support to bridge the IT gap for these children.

Frankly, the continuation of this case will not benefit justice or the information technologies industry. After more than four years, an antitrust case of this magnitude should have yielded all of the benefits that are reasonable.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter.

Sincerely,

Brock L. Greenfield
State Senator
Legislative District 6